

Omaha National Cemetery

VA101-14-R-0043

Responses to Phase One Questions

1. Attachment 5 asks if the project is relevant to 3.8.1.2. Please advise if this is correct or if it should change to 3.9.1.2

Response: The correct citing is 3.9.1.2.

2. Please advise if .PDF is considered an acceptable file type to submit the electronic copy.

Response: .PDF is an acceptable format to submit electronic files.

3. Please confirm that "Relevant Project Summaries" can only have a maximum of 10 pages and the balance of the 15 pages must be submitted under "Project Master List" (Attachment 5).

Response: Section 3.3.1.1 requires a Master Project List. From that master list 3.9.1.2.4 requires submission of ten summaries of relevant projects noted on the master list not exceeding one (1) page for each summary with a total page limit for the summaries at ten (10) pages. The fifteen (15) page limit for Sub-Factor A includes the master list and the ten summaries.

4. Would you be able tell me if the Cemetery Architect/Planner has already be chosen for the project for Design-Build Construction Documents or is the design consultant still to be determined by the bidding general contractors? If the design consultant has not yet been selected than we may contact the interested contractor's in hopes to be included on their team.

Response: It is up the Design Build Contractor/Team to select the Cemetery Architect/Planner for their team. Design consultants are free to contact interested contractors.

5. Please advise if a pdf of our electronic proposal acceptable, or is Microsoft Word the only acceptable format? We would prefer PDF if possible. Please advise.

Response: Please see answer to question #2.

6. It has been previously accepted to submit completed PPQs in the interest of respecting our clients' time if they have recently submitted a PPQ for the selected projects. Please advise if it would again be acceptable to submit these previously completed PPQs in lieu of sending out new PPQs to our clients.

Response: This determination must be made by the offeror. The Offeror must determine if the questions on the PPQ are exactly the same, and if the previous RFP is exactly the same (similar, size, scope and complexity). During the RFP compliance review if it's determined that an offeror does not submit what is requested, they can be deemed non-responsive.

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7. Will this project require the formal LEED certification or will the documents be designed utilizing LEED criteria?

Response: Section A-1 1.2, page 11 states "Following completion of all construction, the contractor shall be responsible for operational commissioning of all facilities according to VA requirements and LEED Silver Certification". The project will be required to be certified LEED Silver.

8. Is pricing information due as part of phase one per the form under schedule A.1 Price/Cost, Page 6 of 6 Please advise.

Response: As stated in the RFP, this is a two-phase design-build project. "A Phase-Two Request for Proposal will be provided to approximately but no more five (5) of the most highly qualified offerors from Phase-One. The Phase-One factors are **not** to be resubmitted in Phase-Two; however, the cumulative rating from the Phase One factors carries through to Phase-Two and is as equal in importance to Phase-Two".

9. Section 3.9.1.3 - Can PPQs submitted with previous proposals be used again?

Response: See response to question #6

10. Section 3.9.1.2.4 - Can the same project be submitted twice for the 10 relevant project summaries, from the perspective of the contractor in one, and the designer for the other? If not, can it be a two-page project summary, such as 1A and 1B, leading to just 9 projects being submitted?

Response: 3.9.1.2.1 allows a relevant project summary to demonstrate relevant experience for the AE and the GC however the page limit of one (1) sheet per relevant project summary will apply.